

# BULGARIA'S NOTE

## FERDINAND'S GOVERNMENT APPEALS TO THE GREAT POWERS.

Asks Them to Prevent the Continuance of Massacre and Devastation in Macedonia.

## THREAT FOLLOWS REQUEST

UNLESS THERE BE SPEEDY INTERVENTION BULGARIA WILL ACT.

Will Be Forced to Take Such Measures as She May Deem Necessary to Stay the Slaughter.

## REBELS ADOPT NEW TACTICS

WILL CONDUCT A GUERRILLA WARFARE IN MACEDONIA.

Turks to Be Harassed by Quickly Moving Bands—Checkik Bey's Advice from Constantinople.

SOFIA, Bulgaria, Sept. 14.—The Bulgarian government, through its foreign representatives, has addressed a note to the great powers declaring that the Porte is systematically devastating Macedonia and massacring the Christian population. Further, it says, Turkey has mobilized her whole army, which cannot possibly be for the sole purpose of suppressing the revolution. Therefore the Bulgarian government appeals to the humane sentiment of Europe to prevent the continuance of the massacre and devastation, and to stop the mobilization of the Turkish army. The memorandum concludes with the plain statement that unless the powers intervene Bulgaria will be forced to take such measures as she may deem necessary.

Warned by previous experiences, the revolutionary leaders have decided to adopt guerrilla tactics in eastern Macedonia. The policy of occupying towns and villages has proved a mistake as it has usually resulted in Turkish troops reoccupying the villages, destroying everything and killing the inhabitants. The insurgents being hampered in their operations by the women and children. A guerrilla warfare is expected to exhaust the Turks much sooner, while the unhampered bands can move more easily and more rapidly. It is hoped that the new tactics will result in the women and children being spared unnecessary dangers.

The insurgents now have nearly 2,000 men armed with rifles in eastern Macedonia and thousands of peasants are ready to join their forces when a general rising has been proclaimed. This step is delayed until the supply of rifles, cartridges and dynamite is received. New bands aggregating 1,000 men are reported to be on their way to the frontier. The Turkish forces now in eastern Macedonia are estimated at 17,000.

In the conflict in the mountains of Pirin the Turks are reported to have lost heavily in dead, while a great many were wounded. The revolutionaries had only one slightly wounded. The peasants are welcoming the insurgents everywhere with the greatest enthusiasm. The bands are experiencing great difficulty in obtaining food. It is believed that not a single rifle can be found in Sofia, outside the garrison.

The Bulgarian government is reported to have protested against Austria's action in intercepting the 30,000 cartridges ordered in Hungary for which Bulgarian money has been paid to the contractors.

A panic prevails in the town of Veloz. The soldiers permit no one to leave the town. The Turkish forces have been reported to have killed and wounded many of the peasants in the surrounding villages. The Bulgarians are now reported to have killed and wounded many of the Turkish forces.

An engagement between the Turks and Bulgarians has taken place at Ribaritz, near Kitchikovo, and there again the Bulgarians lost many killed and wounded, while the Turkish casualties amounted to three. The villages of Ribaritz and Kitchikovo, in the same district, have been destroyed and their inhabitants massacred.

A dispatch from Rila says 300 fugitives from Razlog, province of Seres, accompanied by a Russian Sister of Charity, have crossed into Bulgaria.

## POWERS MUST ACT QUICKLY.

## Bulgaria's Note Possibly a Prelude to Mobilization of Troops.

LONDON, Sept. 15.—The important note sent by Bulgaria to the great powers, that unless the latter intervene in Macedonia, Bulgaria will be forced to take such measures as she may deem necessary, is held to be a prelude to the mobilization of the Bulgarian army unless Europe exerts herself in some way to prevent a conflict. There is probably some connection between this eventuality and the decision of the revolutionaries to revert to guerrilla tactics, which may be in order to reserve their resources for a campaign of a more serious nature. It is announced in Sofia that Prince Ferdinand will return to the Bulgarian capital from Euxinograd in a few days, when the government will take some decisive step. The Daily Mail understands that the British cabinet yesterday resolved on naval co-operation with the powers in near Eastern waters, and that British warships will shortly appear at Salonica.

The Turkish embassy in London has again issued a long statement warning the public against the "unfounded reports" and "slanders of Bulgarian source" daily appearing in the London papers, and denying serious Turkish troops have been ordered to cross into eastern Roumelia in order to cut off the insurgent bands. The statement further gives accounts of "Turkish successes" against the Bulgarians, and represents the Bulgarians as "demoralized, hiding and surrendering," and asserts that the Bulgarian inhabitants of the Ottoman provinces who joined the bands are now being "exterminated" and are surrendering the arms distributed to them by the revolutionary agents.

The Sofia correspondent of the Times telegraphs that the situation has changed distinctly for the worse. He says: "The powers appear to be pursuing the same policy as before. The Greek-Turkish war and the result will probably be similar. Instead of taking steps to check the bar-barities committed in Macedonia, they have allowed matters to drift and are now trying to find a remedy in useless and irritating admonitions to the Bulgarian government. Count Lamoriniere, Russian foreign minister, and Count Goluchowski, Austro-Hungarian foreign minister, have expressed the opinion to the other powers that an identical note should be sent to Turkey and Bulgaria warning them that in the event of war neither combatant could expect aid from the great powers and that the Austro-Russian reform scheme would be maintained and the status quo preserved."

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WASHINGTON, Sept. 14.—Checkik Bey, the Turkish minister, called at the State

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Department to-day and had an interview with acting Secretary Adeo. A cablegram received to-day by Checkik Bey from his government told of a fierce encounter which took place yesterday near Kehrle between Turkish troops and Bulgarian brigades in which over one hundred of the latter were killed and a large number taken prisoners. The dispatch also said that quantities of arms, ammunition and dynamite bombs were captured. The minister informed Mr. Adeo that the operations of the Turkish troops recently has led to the capture of a large number of Bulgarian brigades and that a state of panic exists among them in consequence of the determination of the Sultan to suppress their lawless acts.

## Prinze Ferdinand Ready to Flee.

BERLIN, Sept. 14.—An extraordinary letter, purporting to have been written by a Bulgarian statesman, appears in the Kleine Journal. The writer asserts that a subterranean passage leads from the palace of Euxinograd, where Prince Ferdinand lives as though besieged, to the river, through which the Prince can escape by water when convinced that his position is no longer tenable. It is added that the Princess Clemetine, mother of Prince Ferdinand, saw King Edward at Vienna, told him that her son was in a deplorable situation and in danger of his life and begged the King to have a vessel in readiness to carry him from Euxinograd. Mr. Ferdinand, it is further asserted, assured Prince Ferdinand that he would do so.

## MAY HAVE BEEN LEPROSY

DISEASE WHICH KILLED A WASHINGTON COUNTY MAN SUNDAY.

All the Symptoms of the Horrid Malady Shown by the Victim—Was Afflicted Twenty Years.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.  
SALEM, Ind., Sept. 14.—Newton Spurgeon, aged twenty-seven, died at his home, nine miles southeast of Salem, Sunday of a strange malady. When he was six years old he was taken with exema or some similar skin disease. He had been afflicted since with this, though not especially painful, and it had covered his whole body. The flesh scaled and dropped off continually. The nails of his fingers grew rapidly and long, doubling over, and the flesh dropped from them until they were half eaten off. The disease somewhat resembled leprosy, the spots and scales being white. Though he had lived all these years and grown steadily worse with the disease, the family being poor and ignorant no medical skill was called to examine or treat him. The community about Halo is very much excited about the case, thinking it might be leprosy, though no others of the family have taken the disease.

The body was buried at Mount Washington Cemetery, near Pekin, to-day. The health officer and other physicians went down to view the body, but have not reported their decision.

## Many Cases of Typhoid.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

PAOLI, Ind., Sept. 14.—The typhoid fever situation in this county has assumed a more serious aspect than at any time for several years. Many severe cases exist in the country district south and west of here, but no case has originated in this place, where the people have use of the mineral waters. The cases from the surrounding country are generally traceable to impure water that has been used from sluggish springs and old dug wells, which have become very low since the drought began.

## Diphtheria Closes the Schools.

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VALPARAISO, Ind., Sept. 14.—A diphtheria epidemic has broken out at Hebron, Porter county, and the town schools have been closed.

## HAVOC OF A HURRICANE

DETAILS OF THE GREAT STORM THAT SWEEP OVER FLORIDA.

Nine of the Crew of a Steamer Drowned—Much Damage at Tampa—Orange Groves Affected.

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Sept. 14.—The wires south of Palm Beach and Tampa are still down and will not be in operation for a day or two. Further details of the destruction wrought by the hurricane have been received by mail and passengers on incoming trains.

The steamer Inghelva, of Liverpool, owned by the Inghelva Line, was wrecked near Galveston, lumber and cottonseed meal, for Hampton Roads, went ashore near Boynton Friday night. The ship's steering gear broke and she floated at will, striking the beach with great force and breaking into three pieces. The captain, mates and fourteen of the crew were saved. Nine were drowned, among them the engineer. The small boat with five men was battered to pieces by the waves and its occupants drowned.

At Palm Beach the damage was serious. Gruber's Opera House was partly unroofed, as were eight other business blocks, which were also damaged in other ways. All the boats on the Lakeworth water front, excepting three, were wrecked and sunk. The Hotel Ponce de Leon was slightly damaged.

Two lives were lost in Tampa by the storm. Louis Baron, a cigarmaker, who was struck by the falling cornice of a building, died the next day. His skull was fractured, which led to his death. Another man, who died near the Cuesta Rey Cigar factory in West Tampa, died of a shock from a live wire which he had touched in the orange grove. His body was found in the orange grove, but he had been cut off around Tampa and one-fourth on the coast.

There are no wires south of Tampa and trains are delayed. What has happened at Tampa is probably the worst that has been completely washed away, but no communication with the place has yet been possible.

Owing to the timely warning of the Weather Bureau, the shipping remains in the harbor after Friday morning. It is feared that the schooner Eva J. Sheaton, which was ordered to depart Friday, has been lost. Much apprehension is also felt for the steamship Johnston, which is expected to arrive from Mobile for Tampa late Friday.

Middle and west Florida are entirely cut off from the outside world. A train which left here this morning for River Junction, could get no further than Greenville. There is no communication with the cities of these places are approximately 100 miles west of Jacksonville. Nothing is known of the fate of the ships which were left here this morning for River Junction, but it is believed that they have been swept the middle portion of the State.

## APPOINTED BY FANNING.

Two Members of the Elks' National Home Governing Board.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Sept. 14.—Grand Exalted Ruler Joseph T. Fanning, Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, who is in this city, to-night announced the selection of two of the members of the board which is to govern the new Elks' National Home. Past Grand Exalted Ruler Meade E. Detweiler, of Harrisburg, Pa., is to be chairman of the board, and the other named is Thomas McNulty, of Baltimore. Mr. Fanning stated that he had not decided as yet upon the third member of the board.

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They're here once more—the Hoosiers from the country round about; They've come to have a jolly time and stay the whole week out. They've brought along their cattle from the barnyard and the field, They've brought the honest product that the Hoosier soil does yield. They've come into the city from all districts of the State To prove, with grand exhibits, Indiana's up to date. So take a north-bound trolley when you've got the time to spare—Go out and join the Hoosiers at the Indiana fair, And see the pigs and poultry—see the races lost and won; Eat pie and drink your "lemo" in the bright September sun. Be sure to spend your money as about the grounds you go—Give an Indiana welcome to an Indiana show.

## WAR PAINT IS PUT ON

## REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES ORGANIZE FOR THE CAMPAIGN.

At the Meeting Harry E. Negley Is Elected Secretary of the City Committee.

## AN INNOVATION IN POLITICS

CANDIDATES WILL MEET THIRCE WEEKLY UNTIL ELECTION.

Thirty-Day Poll Shows a Big Republican Gain Over Sixty-Day Poll—Local Political News.

The candidates on the Republican city ticket held a meeting yesterday at city headquarters and organized for the campaign by the election of Harry Negley as secretary. E. D. Logsdon, who is chairman of the city committee, was made ex officio chairman of the candidates' organization.

The candidates will hold regular meetings from now until the election every Monday, Wednesday and Friday afternoon at 5 o'clock, at city headquarters. At these meetings the progress of the campaign will be discussed, plans will be considered and adopted and all matters bearing on the election of the ticket taken up and disposed of. This programme is in the nature of a departure. Heretofore the candidates have had the campaign to decide on this departure, but they have never perfected such a close organization and have never held more than one meeting a week. Every candidate was present at yesterday's meeting. All were in high spirits, and while they felt that the campaign is already as good as won, they expressed a determination to work with redoubled energy that the victory may be made all the greater.

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## SECOND STEEL TRUST SYNDICATE WANTS MORE TIME.

Requests an Extension of Nine Months in Which to Carry Out Its Agreement.

NEW YORK, Sept. 14.—J. P. Morgan & Co. to-day sent out notices to members of the second steel trust underwriting syndicate requesting an extension of the life of the underwriting agreement for nine months. An option is also given to those members of the syndicate, who may be unwilling to grant the extension of time, to take up their participations and to withdraw.

Accompanying the notice sent out by J. P. Morgan & Co. was a call for a cash payment based on a contingent liability. The percentage of the call was not made generally clear, but those who figured the amount of the cash called said it was somewhat less than \$5,000,000. Those who elect to drop out of the syndicate will be called on to pay up the full amount of their syndicate liability. The members who remain in the syndicate and grant the extension of nine months will be called on to pay a percentage estimated to be less than 25 per cent. of the entire cash liability.

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